

2 Timothy 2 – Disciple in the Making

II. Paul's Discipleship of Timothy – Encouragement to BE...

*Discipleship definition – (on back)

A. A "Discipler" (v. 1-2)

1. be strengthened in grace
2. Timothy was first a disciple – learning
3. Then he could set it before another who is worthy

*disciples making disciples – that is the end game or cycle

Discipleship is:

1. commanded by Jesus
2. time intensive
3. on purpose
4. never ending

B. A "Single-Minded Soldier and Athlete" (v. 3-5)

*because discipleship is tough...

1. suffer as a fighting representative of Jesus
 - a. can't get involved in this life
 - b. the goal is to be pleasing to Jesus
2. the winner plays by the rules

*Paul is stressing complete devotion and endurance in Christian living

C. An "Enduring Husbandman" (v. 6-13)

1. Paul paints the picture of the hard-working farmer
 - a. he has first rights to the produce
 - b. spiritual reward for a job well-done

*Paul calls on Timothy to meditate on the illustrations – then summarizes why it is important to be and make disciples

2. Jesus died and was raised
 - a. It was Paul's motivation, his "bonds"
 - b. ...but the Word is not "bound"
 - c. that's why Paul dealt with it all

*The gospel going out and salvation of others was his life

3. 4 different word plays
 - a. dead with him, we live with him
 - b. suffer with him, we reign with him
 - c. we deny him, he denies us
 - d. If we are faithless – he is faithful

*Jesus's faithfulness is to himself AND us – that means he will do as he has said. He is the unchanging one – cannot deny himself

*Discipleship – “the process of devoting oneself to a teacher to learn from and become more like them. For Christians, refers to the process of learning the teachings of Jesus and following after his example in obedience through the power of the Holy Spirit. Discipleship not only involves becoming a disciple but of making other disciples through teaching and evangelism.” – Lexham Theological Wordbook

Matthew 28:18-20 – (18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

(19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

(20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Amen